

Young After Junket: CIA Doing Just Fine

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) personnel are doing a better job abroad than their Russian counterparts, despite being outnumbered more than two to one, Sen. Milton Young said yesterday.

The North Dakota Republican, just back from a world tour, said he based his conclusions on visits to CIA posts in 14 nations. Among them were South Vietnam, Spain, Jordan, Egypt, Japan, Thailand and Formosa.

"Results are better than those of the Russian KGB, the Soviet counterpart, even though the Russians have more than twice as many personnel," Young declared.

He said he was impressed by "intelligent, personable and experienced" CIA officials who briefed him. And he said the U. S. close prediction of the date of Communist China's first atom bomb explosion, was "typical of their outstanding work."

Young made the trip as a member of the special Senate subcommittee authorized to examine in detail the CIA's multi-million dollar budget. Its actual amount is hidden in budgets of other agencies.

"I was not quite satisfied that I was voting intelligently on their appropriation requests," Young told United Press International in explaining the purpose of his trip.

He said he was tremendously impressed by operations of CIA agents throughout the world. "Their work is far more effective than the public generally gives them credit for," he said. CIA may have been justified, he said, but added, "It is a far better organization now than in the years past."